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ROADWATCH: Weeks of Nov. 21 – Dec. 4

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "###".

Please note: this release covers two weeks.

Beginning at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25, until noon Monday, Nov. 30, all travel lanes will be open to traffic. Long-term construction zones with concrete barriers or orange barrels will remain in place. To take the guesswork out of your holiday travel plans, VDOT always encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for pavement repairs and paving on northbound and southbound I-81 in Botetourt County between mile markers 151 and 156. Work will be performed during nighttime hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. In addition, guardrail work may cause shoulder closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

ROANOKE

* **ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY BRIDGE OVER FRANKLIN ROAD INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Nov. 24, the Route 220 Expressway bridge over Franklin Road will be inspected. The bridge is located in Roanoke. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on Franklin Road from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Remaining work will include straightening curves, drainage work, grading and realigning the intersection of Route 720 and Girard Drive. Periodic lane closures may be in place at various times and locations through the project. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* **ROUTE 419 LIGHTING WORK** – Work to replace various lights along Route 419 between Hidden Valley Middle School and Route 221 may cause lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24.

* **ROUTE 221 SHOULDER WORK** – Crews will be working on shoulders along Route 221 between Route 897 (Crystal Creek Road) and the Floyd County line during daylight hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for signs and possible lane closures.

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*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* ROUTE 649 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – A bridge replacement on Route 649 (Dry Hollow Road) has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8. The road will be closed to through traffic, so the bridge over Dry Hollow Branch can be replaced. The section of Route 649 that starts 0.7 mile north of Route 639 (West River Road) and extends to 1.3 miles from the end of state maintenance will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, motorists should expect delays and watch for flaggers directing traffic in this area during daylight hours on Wednesday, Dec. 9 while crews pave. This work was previously announced in November but had to be rescheduled due to high water in the stream.

*** ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

* ROUTE 1166 PAVING – Paving on Route 1166 (Kingsmill Drive) between Route 1164 (Stone Mill Drive) and Route 1165 (Queensmill Drive) will cause lane closures at times during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for signs and flaggers controlling traffic.

* ROUTE 1315 (BRIDLE LANE) AND BELLE MEAD ROAD UTILITY WORK – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane) and Route 1633/1673 (Belle Mead Road). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* ROUTE 43 PIPE INSTALLATION – Weather permitting, crews may install entrance pipes along Route 43. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays.

* ROUTE 122 PAVEMENT MARKING – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on the newly paved section of Route 122 from Route 675 north to Route 643 north due to pavement marking. Work will be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution.

* ROUTE 221 WIDENING – Work is underway to improve a 2.2 mile section of Route 221 from just west of the railroad tracks to east of Route 663 west of Forest. The road is expected to open to traffic, but the speed limit will remain reduced to 35 mph throughout the work zone. Periodic daytime lane closures may be in place as remaining work is completed. Estimated completion is late 2009.

* MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews will mow or cut brush along various routes in Bedford County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays in these areas:

- Various secondary roads in the Irving area
- Route 608 (Altice Road) and Route 757 (Goodview/Goodview Town Road)
- Route 671 (Centerville Road) and Route 644 (Coffee Road)
- Route 793 (Watson Road) and Route 739 (Fairview Church Road)

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* PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various roads in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 43 (Peaks Road) in the Big Island area
- Route 644 (Coffee Road)
- Various primary roads in the Big Island area

* SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, crews may work on shoulders along on various roads in Bedford County. Watch for possible lane closures or flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 24 and Route 122 in the Smith Mountain Lake area
- Route 655 and Route 757

* PAVEMENT PATCHING– Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various roads in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 43 (Peaks Road) from Route 642 (Toms Road) to the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Route 644 (Coffee Road)

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* ROUTE 11 SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, shoulder work along Route 11 between Route 715 (Montgomery Lane) and Buchanan may cause lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for signs and possible lane closures.

*** ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours on northbound and southbound Route 220 due to shoulder work at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

CARROLL COUNTY

* INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 620 INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Monday, Nov. 23, the I-77 bridge over Route 620 (Lambsburg Road) will be inspected. The bridge is located near North Carolina state line. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on Route 620 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

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* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner’s Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. **Route 780 (Howlett Street) in Hillsville has reopened to traffic.** The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner’s Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner’s Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

* **ROUTE 311 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will mark pavement on Route 311. Drivers should watch for mobile lane closures and pay attention to signs. Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 42 BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along Route 42 from Route 311 to the Giles County line. Lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours. Watch for signs and flaggers.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 220 INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, Nov. 25, the Route 220 Business bridge over Route 220 will be inspected. The bridge is located near Rocky Mount. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

* **ROUTE 220 BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along Route 220 and at Route 220’s interchange with Route 40. Watch for shoulder closures and possible lane closures on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **ROUTE 860 (PIPE REPLACEMENT)** – Weather permitting, flaggers may direct traffic on Route 860 (Shooting Creek Road) at times between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays due to a pipe replacement.

* **SHOULDER WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be working on roads shoulders or shoulders between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for lane or shoulder closures along Route 40 West (Franklin Street) Route 623 (Fairystone Park Highway and Route 767 (Prillaman Switch Road).

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be cutting brush on various roads in Franklin County between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for flaggers directing traffic and possible lane closures on Route 662 (Old Salem School Road) and Route 889 (Glade Creek Road).

* **DITCH WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be work on ditches along various roads in Franklin County between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Flaggers may control traffic at times on Route 646 (Truevine Road) and Route 1121 (Honeywood Road).

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GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT REPAIRS** – Lane closures will be put in place on Route 460 in Glen Lyn between Route 1308 (Houston Lane) and the West Virginia state line due to work to patch pavement. These lane closures are tentatively scheduled, and work should be completed by Friday, Nov. 13:

- Left lane of westbound Route 460 is currently closed and should reopen on Monday, Nov. 23
- Right lane eastbound Route 460 will be closed Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24

* **ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will paint pavement markings on eastbound and westbound Route 460 in Giles County. Work may cause periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours.

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers should also watch for flaggers on Route 682 at its intersection with Route 701.

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Traffic has been switched onto a new section of roadway and drivers should expect possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

* **ROUTE 639 RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION** – Route 639 (Mount Pleasant Road) has reopened to traffic. Retaining wall construction had recently detoured traffic between Flaggers may control traffic during daylight hours on weekdays.

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PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

PULASKI COUNTY

* **ROUTE 100 PAVING** – Weather permitting, crews will pave on Route 100 north between Route 759 (CV Jackson Road) and Route 733 (Lillydell Circle). Work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. One lane will be closed during operations. Drivers should watch for signs and expect delays.

* **ROUTE 609 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Starting on Monday, Nov. 16, a portion of Route 609 (Pine Run Road) in Pulaski County will be closed to through traffic. Route 609 will be closed at its intersection with Route 100, so the bridge over Pine Run can be replaced. Signs will be in place to detour traffic around this closure onto Route 658 (Delton Road) and Route 654 (Old Baltimore Road) and then onto Route 100. Signs will be in place advising motorists of this detour. Work is expected to be completed and Route 609 reopened to traffic by Monday, Nov. 30.

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